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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Examiner:

Further to Applicants' Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The listed references include references previously cited in this application. Newly cited documents are indicated by an asterisk (\*) on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the newly cited documents are enclosed. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the newly cited U.S. publications and/or patent documents have not been included.

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/180,598, filed on February 7, 2000.

This application is related to: Non-Provisional Application No. 09/775,305, filed on February 1, 2001, which issued on July 18, 2006 as U.S. Patent No. 7,079,523; Provisional Application No. 60/180,598, which was filed on February 7, 2000; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/119,522, filed on April 9, 2002, which issued on June 23, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,551,663; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/778,474, which was filed on February 7, 2001; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/775,304, filed on February 1, 2001, which issued on October 11, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,954,448; Non-Provisional Application No. 11/235,725, filed on September 26, 2005, which issued on March 10, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,502,351; Non-Provisional Application No. 12/400,872, which was filed on March 10, 2009; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/088,413, filed on June 1, 1998, which issued on April 24, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,222,832; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/515,487, filed on February 29, 2000, which issued on September 17, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,452,913; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/730,376, filed on December 5, 2000, which issued on March 16, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,707,804; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/997,621, filed on November 29, 2001, which issued on January 13, 2004 as U.S. Patent No. 6,678,260; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/997,732, which was filed on November 29, 2001; Non-Provisional Application No. 09/997,733, filed on November 29, 2001, which issued on February 24, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,496,072; Non-Provisional Application No.

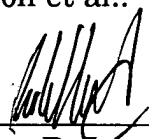
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10/179,121, filed on June 24, 2002, which issued on October 13, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,602,749; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/755,874, filed on January 12, 2004, which issued on September 6, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,940,842; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/761,130, filed on January 20, 2004, which issued on August 9, 2005 as U.S. Patent No. 6,928,064; Non-Provisional Application No. 10/895,591, which was filed on July 21, 2004; Non-Provisional Application No. 11/183,677, filed on July 18, 2005, which issued on January 20, 2009 as U.S. Patent No. 7,480,280; and Non-Provisional Application No. 11/183,520, which was filed on July 28, 2005.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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